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SUBJ: DUTCH-SOVIET CIVAIR TALKS

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1. THE CIVIL AVIATION CONFLICT BETWEEN THE NETHERLANDS AND THE USSR, WHICH ALMOST RESULTED IN DENIAL BY THE DUTCH CIVIAL AVIATION SERVICE OF AEROFLOT'S LANDING RIGHTS EFFECTIVE NOV 1, HAS MOVED BACK TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. THE CIVIL AVIATION SERVICE INFORMS US THAT TRANSPORT MINISTER WESTERTEP AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR ROMANOV HAVE AGREED TO NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW DURING THE WEEK OF NOV 15. PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE DUTCH HAVE GIVEN TEMPORARY APPROVAL TO AEROFLOTS WINTER SCHEDULE. IF THE TALKS SHOULD FAIL, SCHIPHOL AIRPORT COULD BE CLOSED TO AEROFLOT AS OF DEC 1.

2. THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE LAST TWO WEEKS ARE THE CLIMAX OF A PROTRACTED CONFLICT BETWEEN KLM AND AEROFLOT OVER KLM'S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN AN EQUAL SHARE OF MOSCOW-AMSTERDAM TRAFFIC. (IN 1975 AEROFLOT CARRIED 75 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL). ACCORDING TO A KLM SPOKESMAN THE IMBALANCE RESULTS FROM AEROFLOTS FREEDOM TO ATTRACT BUSINESS IN THE NETHERLANDS WHILE KLM IS DEPENDENT IN THE USSR UPON TRAFFIC ASSIGNMENTS BY AEROFLOT AND INTOURIST.

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SEVERAL ROUNDS OF CONSULTATIONS TO SETTLE THE MATTER HAVE

YIELDED NO RESULT FOR THE DUTCH.

3. ANOTHER BONE OF CONTENTION IS SOVIET TICKET DISCOUNTING
UNDER WHICH PASSENGERS ON AEROFLOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
OBTAIN AS MUCH AS A 50 PERCENT REBATE.
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